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S E C R E T KUWAIT 4218

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS KU

SUBJ: KUWAIT FMS; DA CASE UAG (TOW)

1. MIN DEF SHAIKH SAAD EXPRESSED TO ME TODAY GREAT ANXIETY
OVER INADEQUACY KUWAITI ANTI-TANK DEFENSE. HE STATED THAT TOW
WAS HIS FIRST CHOICE IN UPGRADE IF KUWAIT CAN ATTAIN TOW
OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY SOONEST, OTHERWISE FEELS WILL HAVE
TO PROCURE MISSILE ANTI-TANK SYSTEM ELSEWHERE.

2. SHAIK SAAD ASKED ME TO PASS HIS REQUEST TO USG AS MATTER OF
URGENT NEED. SPECIFICALLY HE DESIRES IMMEDIATE TRAINING FOLLOWED
PROMPTLY BY ENOUGH MISSILES TO MEET PRESENT DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS
WITH REMAINDER OF 1800 MISSILES TO BE SCHEDULED AT MONTHLY
INTERVALS LATER. HE ASKS FOR A REPLY BY THURSDAY 06 DEC.

3. I CONSIDER THIS TO BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REASSURE
KUWAITIS USG INTEREST IN THEIR NEEDS. RECOMMEND PROMPT AND
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FAVORABLE RESPONSE. IN EVENT FAVORABLE RESPONSE, REQUEST:

A. DATE OF EXPECTED DELIVERY OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT AND INITIAL
MISSILES.

B. AUTH MAKE APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN L/O INCLUDING EXTENDING
EXPIRATION DATE TO 31 JAN 74.

C. SCHEDULE BRIEFING TEAM KUWAIT SOONEST TO DISCUSS/PROPOSE:

- 1) TRAINING
 - 2) TECHNICAL SUPPORT
 - 3) MAINTENANCE
 - 4) INSTALLATION ON M151A2 CURRENTLY ON ORDER
 - 5) OPERATIONAL EMPLOYMENT
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